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At St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, on the 30th instant, by the Rev. W. Jennings, Colonial Chaplain, CARL GEORG WURBURG, Marine Surveyor, Shanghai, to LAVINIA AGNES BOX.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1882.

WHEN will the self-constituted racing oracle of the Shanghai Mercury give up writing stupid twaddle, and cease making himself a public laughing-stock? It is really painful to see this respectable elderly gentleman, who is doubtless a kindly disposed and well meaning person in his own way, so ridiculously attempting to pose before sportsmen as a racing Gamaliel. Judging from his latest production, we should imagine that our worthy friend is rapidly qualifying himself for a strait jacket. In the Mercury of the 25th inst., under the heading "Forfeits in Matches," he writes:—

"A correspondent wrote to us some time ago in respect to a forfeit claimed in Hongkong, which we promised in our issue of 31st July to refer to again. We were recently informed that Hualachan did not go to the post, so there was no ground for a claim for the forfeit money from the owner of the Shell. The gentlemen interested in the match besides, b sportsmen, had no desire to prefer claim."

As a literary eff. the above will favorably compare with the writer's previous productions; but he must surely be jostling when he affirms that any person was so lost to sense and reason as to apply to the Mercury for an opinion on a question of racing law! However, to lay badinage aside, and treat the expression of opinion we have just quoted from our Shanghai contemporary in sober earnest, we frankly express our regret that it should have fallen to our lot to expose such a deplorable exhibition of what is either gross ignorance, or a deliberate perversion of truth, and which could only have been made for interested purposes or contemptible and ignoble motives. Our observations, which we trust the Shanghai Mercury in the interests of justice and fair play will be honest and independent enough to reproduce, will be brief, and to the point.

The forfeit the Mercury writer refers to is that claimed in the well-known Hualachan v. Shell match. The subject has already been discussed in all its bearings in these columns, and there is not a single sportsman in Hongkong who is not thoroughly acquainted with the pros and cons of the case in all their details, so that we need only dispose of our contemporary's pretensions to

speak with any degree of authority on the matter, and that can be done, and most effectually, in a few words. "We were recently informed," says the self-constituted racing authority of Shanghai, "that Hualachan did not go to the post, so there was no ground for a claim for the forfeit money from the owner of the Shell." This is sheer nonsense. Such an absurdity as a horse walking over for a forfeit in a match is unknown in the history of modern British racing, as every person who knows anything whatever of racing practice must know right well. The only inference we can therefore draw from the assertion in the Mercury, and actual facts, is that the writer of the paragraph is absolutely ignorant of even the most rudimentary knowledge of racing law or custom. The laws of the Jockey Club, which are as sacred as the famous decrees of the Medes and Persians, distinctly lay it down that the owner of Shell was liable; and we think that the dictum of what has justly been designated the first racing authority in the world, is rather more reliable than the irresponsible chatter of an ignorant and illiterate outsider, who actually knows nothing of the details of the case on which he has the impertinence and presumption to adjudicate.

Our assertion that the writer in the Shanghai Mercury is ignorant of the details of the case, is based on that person's own statement. He says:—"The gentlemen interested in the match besides, being sportsmen, had no desire to prefer any claim." This, as the writer must have known, is a deliberate perversion of the truth. The gentlemen interested in the match were Messrs. KERFOOT and GORDON on the one side, and Mr. LUXMOORE on the other. Mr. GORDON preferred his claim immediately the owner of Shell declared forfeit, and that claim was so far recognised that it was agreed between the parties interested that the matter should be left to the decision of a London sporting newspaper. The London Sportsman decided that the owner of Shell was clearly liable, and no other decision, as any person in the slightest degree acquainted with racing law knew perfectly, could have been given. As a matter of fact, there was no necessity for any discussion or reference in the affair. Had the owner of Shell been acquainted with racing law and custom—as he presumably was not—he would have sent a cheque for the amount of his stake when he declared forfeit. It is quite true that Mr. KERFOOT—who was Shell's owner's business partner—agreed for reasons of his own to abandon his claim, and we have no doubt that Mr. KERFOOT's mention of this fact to the Shanghai Mercury inspired the exceedingly silly expression of opinion we have just been reviewing. What Mr. KERFOOT chose to do privately was quite his own affair, but it could not in any way influence the just claim of Mr. F. S. GORDON.

In conclusion, let us assure our sporting contemporary that there is not one true sportsman in this Colony who does not consider that the forfeit incurred by the owner of Shell in the match arranged with Hualachan, should have been paid without demur. Further, let us assure him that it is not unsportsmanlike to receive forfeit in a match. Forfeits are paid and received over matches by the noblemen and gentlemen of England at almost every meeting held at Newmarket, as a reference to the London sporting press will conclusively prove. Should the Mercury scribe remain unconvinced of his errors after perusing the above, we would suggest, if he is desirous of receiving fuller confirmation of all we have written, that he ask our great local racing light, Mr. PACE, who is at present in Shanghai, what his opinions are on the question at issue.

The Psalmist says, in substance, somewhat, "Put not your trust in Princes nor in the legs of a horse," but we (Alta California) would infinitely prefer placing our confidence in the crural understanding of the most aged mustangs that ever hauled a street-car up Sutter-street—hill than on the SULTAN of Turkey. There seems now to be no doubt of his utter insincerity on the Egyptian question. The only ground on which his falsity can be defended is the supposition that he is a sincere MAHOMEDAN and supposed that this was a holy war, and that everything is fair in war.

There is no question in the minds of those who have followed Turkey's course as to her intended duplicity, and as to the SULTAN's partial, if not entire complicity with ARABI PASHA. It is impossible to arrive at any other conclusion in the light of past events except that the SULTAN was as anxious to see the English out of Egypt as ARABI and the SUKUTIS were.

Now comes the serious question of the day. Granting the utter falsity of Turkey, is she to be allowed to continue her suzerainty of Egypt? No one nation wants the control of the Delta. All that they insist on is peaceable possession of the lands which they have bought and paid

for, and the right of free passage through the Suez Canal. It is perfectly unimportant whether the canal is held and owned, as it is to-day, by a private company, as a commercial speculation, or by Germany, England or any other nation. In the event of war among the Powers of Europe it would be the first point of contest.

This has been clearly demonstrated in the little tussle in Egypt. England, holding that key, left ARABI powerless; and, in the event of war with Turkey or Russia, Port Said, Ismailia and Suez would be the first vantage ground which the belligerents would rush for.

To return to ARABI. His execution, and that of ten other leaders is demanded by the Khedive's partisans. It is very much to be doubted after mature reflection whether this course would subserve any good. The first impressions certainly of the writer were that it would be a good thing to kill off all the leaders of the Egyptian rebellion, who were the primary cause of such horrible massacres. Second thoughts are often best. Seeing plainly that the military execution of the chief insurgents would only breed a deeper hatred of the English in Egypt, and considering that the execution of the insurgent leaders can do no good, one may reasonably anticipate that they will be kept in confinement until their blood has had time to cool, and then be liberated on parole. The education of the Egyptians is the main point now, and they must first learn the meaning of that little word of two syllables—mercy.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 28th October.

A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE ARMY.
Parliament has passed a vote of thanks to the army for the gallantry of the troops in Egypt; the House then adjourned to November 10th.

A PANIC IN LYONS—FEARS OF A SOCIALIST RISING.
A panic prevails in Lyons, and fears are entertained of a Socialist rising; the troops are being reinforced.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE steamship Greyhound goes to Kowloon ship this afternoon.

We are informed that the opium steamers from Calcutta left Singapore for this port on Saturday afternoon, the 28th instant.

OUR Portuguese friends intend celebrating the birthday of His Majesty the King of Portugal, Luiz I, to-morrow, by a *soirée* at the Lusitano Club.

A LODGE of Emergency of Zetland, No. 525, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Friday evening next, the 3rd proximo, at 8.30, for 9 o'clock, precisely.

A REGULAR Lodge of Zetland, No. 525, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Friday evening next, the 3rd proximo, at 8.30, for 9 o'clock, precisely.

RUMOURS were abroad in town yesterday that the steamer *Anton* had come to grief during the heavy weather which has been prevailing outside for some time past. We are glad to say that these rumours were groundless. The *Anton* arrived in Macao yesterday afternoon, and will likely be over here sometime this evening.

GRAVE fears are entertained respecting the safety of the steamships *Paladin* and *Vorwarts*, both of which are considerably overdue. The *Paladin* is reported as having been passed a considerable distance to the southward, steaming slowly. It is surmised that she had met with some accident to her machinery and has made one of the coast ports for repairs.

THE following Government Notification in relation to the disbanded of the Hongkong Volunteers, appears in Saturday's *Gazette*. *Sic transit gloria mundi*.—"Whereas by Ordinance 2 of 1862, it is enacted among other things that such and so many of the inhabitants of Hongkong as shall volunteer and offer themselves, and the Governor shall approve of, shall be permitted to form themselves into a Corps for the protection of the Colony of Hongkong, and such Corps shall be called the "Hongkong Volunteers," and shall continue so formed during the pleasure of the Governor: And whereas it is deemed expedient that the Corps which was formed in the year 1878 in virtue of the Ordinance above referred to should be disbanded; it is hereby notified that the Officer Administering the Government has declared his pleasure to be that the said Corps should no longer continue so formed."

A LADY who by some freak of fortune became an exceedingly large holder of the "gifts of providence" in hard cash, lands and houses, set herself up as a woman of fashion, with carriage and pair, powdered flunkies and all the other fal dals which are considered the thing in Society. Removing to a city wherein dwell some of her former intimate acquaintances, she gave them the cold shoulder, the "scissors and paste" walloper of one of the organs of the people being amongst the cold shouldered ones. The irate editor, commenting on the lady in his red-hotting wrapper, wrote:—"Only fancy! She is a selfish, even to the clocks on her stockings—never travels without a bottle of Frangipani and a platinum toothpick, and knows nobody under the social rank of a banker, Supreme Court Judge, or highly paid Government official. Yet it was only the other day (so to speak) that her husband was butchering on the Burdick, and she was known in the township by the bizarre cognomen of the 'Long Handled Shovel'."

THE *Gazette* of Saturday notifies the return to the Colony on the 21st instant of the Hon. John Macneile Price, and his resumption of the duties of Surveyor General.

We read in a contemporary that a "snuff-buster" styled the Rev. G. F. Dillon, having in contemplation a trip to "Yurru" for the purpose of recruiting his health, which had given way in consequence of his arduous labors amongst the children of Satan, was waited on by the members of his congregation and presented with an illuminated address and a bank-draft. The rev. gentleman said that he should treasure the address up as the most precious thing he had ever possessed; that when he felt sad he would take it out and read it, and the thoughts which it would recall of his dear friends would at once pour balm upon his wounded spirit. He didn't say much about the draft though, and as the deputation retired, one 'orny-handed son of the soil, who did occasional jobs in the parson's garden, said to another of the crowd, in a stage whisper, "Aint 'e a 'ot 'un; why it was only last week as I seed him gobble up four quarts of 'o 'burgoo" as the first instalment of 'is breakfast'! *Mem*.—This did not happen in China.

He walked into our office, took a seat, and nodding to us in an unconcerned manner, said "Go on with yer writin'—I aint in no pertickler 'urry for a minnit or two." We were in the middle of an exhaustive article on "The Principles underlying the Constitution," but we postponed the fate of nations for a bit, and looked at our visitor over our spectacles. He was a tall man, with a red nose and a watery eye, and appeared to be attired in a costume composed of black cloth allied by lemonade-wire to yellow flannel and soogee bag. "What do you want?" we asked. "Employment," said he, trying to convert a hiccough into a sneeze. "What are you?" we enquired—"A compositor?" "No, sir," he replied, indignantly; "I'm (hie) an editor." "Ah, then, you've come to the wrong office," we said. "But you're all right. You're being waited for a bit lower down." And, taking up a slip, we wrote him the address of the *Fried Fish Wrapper*.

DURING the tour of the celebrated Mendelssohn Quintette Club in Australia, only very recently, the following is said to have occurred. A young nobleman, well, not quite a nobleman, although he may be one at no distant date, of good birth and all the other etceteras, had been sent out from England to live quietly for a few years, you know, in fact to keep out of the way of his creditors and marry the daughter of some rich squatter and thus make up for his early indiscretions on the turf. Well, the letters of introduction from his people, (and the speedy prospect of a title) soon got him "quite at home" amongst all the best families in the Maitland district, where he was a great favorite amongst both men and women alike, for though a bit of a "lushington" at odd times, he was by no means a bad fellow, and was exceedingly handsome. Harry was not one of your dandified cards, though he could stick on a frill or two when required, but a good five feet eleven, thirteen stone, fleet, flax-haired specimen of English humanity, and knew how to use his "props." The Honorable guest was run in to accompany a couple of ladies to the Quintette Club Concert, and not having a keen appreciation of the music, he found that the liquid melody did not prevent him from feeling thirsty, so he "went out to see a man." He returned in time to hear Miss Corn Miller sing, and the beauty of that charming lady, together with the measures he had successfully adopted to alleviate his thirst, so affected the susceptible youth that his admiration could only be expressed by standing up, and muttering, "Dai Jove, that's good, that's first-class—do't again, Miss."

In writing of the origin of the small feet custom in China, *Progress* says:—"In the Twelfth century, there reigned in China an Emperor called Tchou-Koung. He was a great tyrant, and he had a wife, Jr-Kyu, who was still more severe and despotic than her husband. She was beautiful, but she had crippled feet in order to be able to detect she wrapped them in all sorts of bandages and put on little shoes. The ladies of her court then hastened to follow her example, and that strange habit has been handed down until now." We have heard another version of the story which seems much more probable than the above. It is as follows:—A certain Emperor, ever so many centuries ago, was well stocked in the matter of wives, having several hundreds of them in the Imperial palace. The Emperors of those days were rather different to the Peking monarchs of our time, and, when any serious outbreak took place in the distant provinces amongst his turbulent subjects, the Emperor very often led his troops in person to set matters right. On returning from one of these excursions, his Serenity found that a great number of his "beautiful wives" had taken French leave and left him; in fact, had gone off with others whom they either cared more for or feared less. The "boss" was mightily annoyed at the shabby trick which had been played him during his absence from home. On "pressing business affairs," and after taking due precautions to keep the remainder at home while he made a short journey, started in pursuit of his faithless fair ones and their gay Lotharios. History telleth not how many victims were slaughtered to appease the Emperor's ire and vindicate his honor, but it is believed that a good many, both male and female, were made shorter by a head. The Emperor, on his return to the palace, made up his mind that if any of the other wives thought of "doing a bolt" he would make it as difficult for them as possible, and accordingly had all their feet bound up, rendering walking a very difficult process, and running, unless at a snail's pace, an utter impossibility. Small feet thus became the fashion, the mandarins followed the Emperor's example, and so the custom went on until it is nothing strange to see some old "rag bag" of a Chinese dame, probably a coolie's wife, doting about on her compressed understandings.

We note the arrival yesterday, by the Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Patroclus*, of Mr. Alfred Lister, Postmaster General.

We learn from the *Courier* of the 25th inst. that Mr. E. Toda, Spanish Consul and acting Portuguese Consul at Shanghai, goes home early in November. He will be replaced by a gentleman from Hongkong.

We learn from the *Mercury* that the British man-of-war *Champion* arrived in Shanghai on the morning of the 25th instant, from Korea. The German frigate *Elisabeth* left that port the same morning.

We are informed by the agents, Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co., that the steamship *Gordon Castle* will leave Singapore for this port tomorrow, and that the steamer *Alford Castle* left London for China on the 18th instant.

Mr. John Dyer Ball, Interpreter at the Supreme Court, being in bed on Saturday night at 10.30, showing that that gentleman keeps early hours, an example which it would be well for our young men generally to follow, heard a great noise. His next door neighbour called him, and said his (Mr. Ball's) servants were having a "shindy." He went to the servants' room, and found a chair coolie and another coolie having a set-to. Mr. Ball threw oil upon the troubled waters and quieted the pugilists, and, from what he was told, sent the chair coolie out of the house. His antagonist complained of severe pain in the region of the heart. He sent the latter to the Civil Hospital next morning, where he is at present and will be for some time. The chair coolie was up before Captain Thomsett this morning for creating a disturbance in Mr. Ball's house. The Magistrate, after hearing Mr. Ball's evidence, remanded the case until the 6th proximo.

ROBERT WALLACE ANTIVIS, cook of the British ship *Ruthin*, was charged this morning before Captain Thomsett, sitting as Marine Magistrate, with assaulting William Vickers, the steward, on board, on the 27th instant. Vickers said he gave the cook some work to do, which he neglected. Going to the cook house, he found Antivis taking his ease in a recumbent position therein, and willing away the time by reading a book. He told him to go to his work, when defendant abused him, and so he had to cook some "chow" himself. Antivis then said he would "do" for him, and while complainant was taking a pan out of the oven, the cook shoved his (Vicker's) head into it, and put his knee on his back, in order to keep the steward's thinking part well in the pan. Defendant also beat him seriously while he (complainant) was lying on the deck, knocking his head about and leaving him almost insensible.—The second mate of the *Ruthin* deposed to hearing Vickers and Antivis quarrelling, and seeing complainant on the floor of the galley and defendant striking him. He helped the chief mate to "separate" them. Antivis said the steward came to the galley and interfered with him in the execution of his duty. He tried to turn Vickers out, when he took up a bottle and attempted to strike him with it. Consequently he knocked complainant down and beat him, as he would not leave the galley. Captain Thomsett remanded the case until tomorrow, and ordered the master of the *Ruthin* to be subpoenaed. Antivis was allowed out on personal security of \$10.

EXCURSION TRIP OF THE "HONAN" TO MACAO.

That recent valuable addition to the fleet of the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, the *Honan*, made an excursion trip to Macao yesterday, starting from the Company's wharf here at 8.05 a.m., and arriving off Government House, Macao, at 10.30, a period of two hours and twenty five minutes having been thus occupied in a run of 37½ knots, or a little over 15½ knots an hour. The steamer slowed down from Nine Islands on account of the shoal water, or she would have arrived some 15 minutes earlier. The distance was accomplished in the time named with the *Honan's* boilers priming somewhat, owing to its being the first time of her using a mixture of fresh and salt water. As the steamer passed Government House, crackers were fired from her, and on her approaching the landing place crackers were fired from the Company's Wharf, which was neatly adorned with festoons of evergreens, and flags, "Welcome" being displayed in large letters on an arch over the gateway. Yesterday, being the birthday of the King of Portugal's father, was a *gain* day in Macao, preparations being also in progress for the illuminations to-morrow in honor of the birthday of King Luiz I. His Majesty and his father having been born within two days of each other as regards the month. The forts had also the national flag flying; and the Portuguese gunboat *Tanaga* was gallantly adorned with flags. We hear that the British gunboat *Foxhound* is to proceed to Macao to be present on the occasion of the celebration of the King of Portugal's birthday to-morrow. Starting on the return journey at five o'clock, the *Honan* proceeded to Hongkong at a moderate speed, encountering a fleet of fishing boats on the way. One sampan had a narrow escape of being run into. Had she been actually run into, as stated by our veracious morning contemporary, the sampan would have been simply knocked into smithereens. The *Honan* arrived at the wharf here at 8.30 p.m., after a very enjoyable trip, the weather being all that could be desired. There were about 130 excursionists on board, one half of whom were Portuguese, and the remainder of other nationalities.

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TO MACAO AND BACK IN THE "HONAN"

(BY OUR MARINE SPECIAL.)

Taking advantage of the cheap trip advertised by the Steamboat Company for yesterday, your "Marine Special" determined to avail himself of the glorious opportunity to sniff the sea breeze (on the cheap) and invigorate himself for the arduous labors of the ensuing week, and, as your M. S. always combines "biz" with "pleasure," so far as that can be conveniently done, he determined to take a few rough notes on the way (to say nothing of a carload of sandwiches, and something to wash them down) for your Monday's issue, in the hope that such a course might have a beneficial effect on your good nature in regard to that little "loan" he submitted to your notice only a few days ago. Here are the notes:—

I reached the steamer at ten minutes to eight and found passengers arriving fast, and a good many people on the wharf to see the *Honan* off.—We started at eight sharp, with about 100 foreigners on board. A 8.15 passed Green Island, when our craft was with full speed, going splendidly, but steering rather wildly. I presume the Chinese steersman is not yet up to steam steering. The weather was splendid, though rather hot. Bets were flying around in all directions that we would be off the Macao wharf in 2½ hours. A few sweeps were also got up anent the time to be taken over the trip, some of them being arranged for the time the *Honan* would be abreast of the lighthouse, which was passed, bearing north, at 10h. 30m. 30s. We arrived at the wharf at 10h. 42m. 20s. The times given from wharf to wharf are thoroughly reliable, as your *Special* took particular care in the timing, and allowed no pranks to be played with his valuable patent double-cased stopwatch and clock chronometer, manufactured by—but that's no matter—it was won in a raffle got up by *Miller Brown*, and is, of course, a "timer" of the highest class. During the run over, the refreshments were well patronised and everybody appeared to be enjoying themselves immensely; in fact, some of the crowd displayed such "form" amongst the sandwiches, as would well entitle them to be placed at scratch in any "bun banquet" handicap for which they might enter. The wharf in Macao was gallily decked with flags, and a large number of people had congregated to see the noble steamer with her new "Joss" on the bow. All hands were soon on shore, and most of them went for King Kee's, where the wants of the injer man were duly attended to. A number then took chairs and went seeing the sights, such as they are. The Camoens Gardens are in an awful state. The streets, more especially in front of the Hotel, were crowded with beggars. Sight-seeing over, the fortress of King Kee, Esqre., was literally stormed by the hungry crowd, who, however, soon had all their little wants attended to by that eminent caterer, although I think he hardly expected such a "run" on his larder. I fared sumptuously—cold capon, ham and—but why enumerate the good things under which the table groaned. In the afternoon I lit up my Manila and strolled round. A large proportion of the "boys" were indulging in a dab at "Fan," and if all I heard be true, some of them came off with a haul. I was induced to risk a few dollars, just for the fun of the thing, you know, and—but, no matter—my usual luck stood by me and I had not the wherewithal to pay for a drink when I returned to H. K.'s, and I found one or two other celebrities in a similar condition to myself, i.e., cleaned out. We made the best of it, however, and I must say that those who did "see" the Celestial for a haul, shouted *ad infinium*, and I joined in the gale, just for good fellowship. We started on the return journey at 5 o'clock, and were nearly leaving one of our legal lights behind. The leading council in the late case *B. v. R. F. S.* had a near squeak; however, he got on board and off we came. After rounding the port the *Honan* was put full speed, going well against a strong north-east wind. Shortly after we left, an attempt was made to get up a musical entertainment by a combination composed of a local Marine Surveyor and an Auctioneer, but owing to lack of support the affair was a bit of a frost, although knock-em-down played several selections during the trip back, which were received with great applause. Everything went well till about 7 p.m., when we got amongst a fleet of fishing junks, and the steamer had to be stopped owing to a small fishing boat having got right under her bows; the boat, as is usually the case, was showing no lights, so it is a wonder we did not run right into her. It was lucky that matters turned out as they did; the boat sheered off to the starboard side and dropped astern unhurt. The mantle of night had now fallen on us, in fact, it was quite dark, so the *Honan* was slowed down for half an hour, not including the stoppages we were compelled to make on account of the blooming fishing boats, and it soon became apparent to all on board that the return trip would not be accomplished in two hours and forty minutes.

On nearing Hongkong the moon rose over the city, disclosing the peak in all its towering majesty; the wind died away, and the scene reminded me of Naples, so did the blink. We passed Green Island at 8 o'clock, and came alongside the wharf at 8.45, after a very pleasant trip. I may mention that more than half of the passengers were Portuguese, which rather surprised me, as I thought a larger proportion of our own people would have availed themselves of such a glorious opportunity for a number one trip. I may mention that a number of white bamboos were erected on the Praya Grande, and I was told they had been put there to hang the lamps on at the coming festival; there was also a large arch being erected in front of Government House, so they are evidently going in for a little "biz" a "burial." And now, as I have nothing more to state upon this would interest your readers, I will "Banlanlike" dry up, and merely sign myself—
Your MARINE SPECIAL.

CRICKET.

RACQUET COURT 2. HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

The above match was commenced shortly after 10 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The club went to the wickets first and were despatched for a score of 111, 40 of which were contributed by Mr. F. H. O. Wilson, who hit in a very determined manner. His score included a five and six threes. Mr. A. K. Travers carried out his bat for a well played 29, obtained by free and hard hitting. Mr. G. Coxon, the only other "clubster" who got into double figures, had made 14 when a "scorcher" from Darby demolished his sticks. The fielding of the racqueters was not altogether faultless. Darby was most destructive with the ball, securing 6 wickets at a cost of 49 runs.

ANALYSIS.

Balls.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Shepherd.....	60	2	35
Darby.....	85	3	49
Willum.....	25	0	17

Shepherd and Darby each bowled a wide.

For the Racquet Court, Hare made 26 in good style, including a fine hit for 5, off Wilson, before he was caught by Travers at point. Willum made 17, Shepherd 16 and Leigh 10. When time was called the "Court" was 14 runs short of the Club's total, with three wickets to fall. It looked odds on the "racqueters" but you can't always sometimes tell; however, it was a pity that this interesting match was not played out for the satisfaction of all concerned. Below will be found the full scores.

CRICKET CLUB.	RACQUET COURT.
1. H. W. Lane, R. A. C.	1. H. W. Lane, R. A. C.
2. J. H. Shepherd, R. A. C.	2. J. H. Shepherd, R. A. C.
3. C. A. Newington, R. A. C.	3. C. A. Newington, R. A. C.
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An exciting chase after five thieves on Kunglung took place on Sunday night, the 22nd inst. The alarm was first raised at the house of Mr. Nicholson, in the Valley, where the thieves had apparently attempted a robbery. The black watchman and some Chinese gale chase up the hill past Wirreanda Lodge. By this time the noise had attracted others to the scene and a general rush occurred up the hill towards the Consulate. Here, however, the thieves swerved into the Rev. Mr. Rapaport's garden. One man was seen to escape through the hillside compound. A move was then made to the Consulate, but a diligent search through the garden revealed nothing, and so the thieves made good their escape.

The house belonging to Mr. Pasadag was robbed on the night of the 23rd, but we believe the thieves did not succeed in securing much plunder. Sport does not seem to be confined to the Gaiety ground. An extraordinary animal is said to frequent the ravine between H.B.M. Consulate and Marine House. One of the community kept a close watch from 9 p.m. one evening till an early hour next morning, with a gun, but the beast, like the thieves, evaded the eye of the sportsman.

Our sporting friends will be glad to hear that the shooting season has been favourably inaugurated by the young Shikaru and his party, who have brought down some hundred head of wild-fowl. Ducks, Teal, Plover, and Curlew abound up river, and a very mixed bag is the result of the opening trip to Goose Island. The feature of the trip appears to have been a brilliant fight and left at dusk by the Y. S. Gazette.

SHANGHAI TURF NOTES.

25th October.

The course was hard, exceedingly fast, and very deceptive this morning. Even Mr. Major's ponies did fast time; at least so I heard. I think those who sent their ponies up the road were wise, the Sicawad road being splendid going.

Half Mile.—Black Satin, 1min.; Picaroon, 1min. 1sec.

Three-quarters of a Mile.—Peculator, 1min. 33sec.; Strathmore, 1min. 33sec.; Sprite, 1min. 35sec.; Hornpipe, 1min. 36sec.

One Mile.—Gil Blas, 2min. 13sec.; White Knight, 2min. 19sec.

One Mile and a quarter.—Merodach, 2min. 55sec.; Forest King, 2min. 45sec.; Adonis, 2min. 45sec.; Rose, 2min. 48sec.; Financier, 2min. 48 1/2 sec.

One Mile and a half.—Valerius, 3min. 28sec.; Condon, 3min. 30sec.; Shamrock, 3min. 20sec.; Tajmahal, 3min. 21sec.; Prejudice, 3min. 22 sec.; Presto, 3min. 23sec.; Allegro, 3min. 25sec.; Second Violin, 3min. 17sec.; Astrologer, 3min. 22sec.

One Mile and three-quarters.—Jolly Friar, 3min. 58sec.; Grey Ewe Griffin, 3min. 58sec.; Mr. Bill's Crowd, 4min. 11sec.; Foxhound, 4min. 24sec.; Bandman, 4min. 1sec.; Huntsman, 4min. 1sec.; Driving Cloud, 4min. 35sec.; Blunder Blas, is scratched for all engagements.—*Courier.*

The grass course was closed yesterday morning, presumably because it was too hard for galloping on. This morning it was open and was very fast. A good deal of galloping went on, but some stables preferred the Road. We give some of the paws. Gil Blas did the longest work, doing his first mile in 2.13, then he finished his 2.1m. in 5.13 cantering. A mile and three-quarters. Foxhound, Mr. Spy up, 4.21; Mr. Bill's crowd, the steeplechasers joining in, 4.7; The Major's Rattler and one of his greys 4.7; Huntsman and Driving Cloud 5.59; the Hongkong Derby winner being first; Bandman and Bondsman 4m. 1m.; Jolly Friar 4m. 1m.—A mile and a half.—Prejudice 3.23, his last quarter—3.15; Valerius 3.28 Shamrock beating Tajmahal, in 3.21—A mile and a quarter.—Forest King went with Wild Wail finishing in 2.44, the dun having him; Merodach 2.51; Rose 2.48 in a canter, beating Financier, who has gone off. One Mile.—White Knight, 2.38. Three-quarters of a Mile.—Peculator, with a light boy up, 1.34; Strathmore, 1.33; (first 1m. 59s.) Sprite, beaten by Snow-flight in 1.36. Half Mile. Picaroon in blankets, 1.1; Black Satin, twice, last 1/2, going very well. Mr. Fern's were up the Road. Dunkled beat Blackbird and Red Robin for a mile. Repeater was up the Road, and Bonanza and Eldorado; also First Cornet trotting. Whitehorn, beat Blackhorn for 2m., and Sweetbair was also on the Road.

Blunder Blas has been sold for Tls. 500, and \$500 if he wins the Hongkong Derby.—*Mercury.*

THE ST. LEGER, 1882.

Run at Doncaster on Wednesday, Sept. 13th. St. Leger Stakes of 25 sovs. each, 17-year-olds, colts, 8st. 10lb., fillies, 8st. 4lb.; second received 200 sovs., and third 100 sovs.; 1 old St. Leger course (about 1 mile, 6 furlongs, 132 yards), 195 subs. Lord Falmouth's Dutch Oven, by Dutch Slater—Cantiniere, 8st. 5lb. (ear. 8st. 6lb.), (P. Archer) 1. Lord Stamford's Geheinniss, 8st. 5lb. (C. Loates) 2. Duke of Westminster's Shotover, 8st. 5lb. (Rossiter) 3. Lord Bradford's Battelfield, 8st. 10lb. (J. Snowden) 4. Lord Bradford's Quicklime, 8st. 10lb. (C. Wood) 5. Mr. Craven's Laureate, 8st. 10lb. (J. Gater) 6. Lord Lascelles's Balfol, 8st. 10lb. (Woodburn) 7. Mr. T. Radmall's Marden, 8st. 10lb. (R. Wyatt) 8. Mr. Gerard's Sweetbread 8st. 10lb. (G. Fordham) 9. Mr. R. Jardine's c. by Brown Brand—Hygeia, 8st. 10lb. (J. Osborne) 10. Mr. J. R. Keene's Romeo, 8st. 10lb. (T. Cannon) 11. Mr. Lorillard's Sachem, 8st. 10lb. (F. Webb) 12. Duke of Hamilton's Fénelon, 8st. 10lb. (Watts) 13. Duke of Hamilton's Actress, 8st. 5lb. (P. Martin) 14. Betting.—11 to 8 on Geheinniss, 10 to 15 agst. Shotover, 14 to 1 agst. Fénelon, 100 to 7 agst. Sweetbread, 25 to 1 agst. Quicklime, 33 to 1 agst. Laureate and Battelfield, 40 to 1 agst. Marden and Dutch Oven, 1,000 to 15 agst. Balfol, 1,000 to 8 agst. Hygeia colt, and 1,000 to 6 agst. Romeo.

After a couple of breaks-away, owing to Romeo being fractious, the lot got off on capital terms. Dutch Oven showing the way from Actress and Fénelon, they being followed by Sachem, Sweetbread, and Marden, while Romeo and the Hygeia colt brought up the rear. When, however, less than a furlong had been covered Dutch Oven was scinded, and Actress took a clear lead, Balfol singling himself out in pursuit, the pair soon being clear of Fénelon, while next in a cluster came Marden, Sachem, and Dutch Oven, with Geheinniss at their heels. As they went up the hill the pace was very fast, Actress going on two lengths ahead of Balfol, who in turn was clear of Fénelon, and Geheinniss now had run into fourth place, Marden, Sweetbread, Laureate, and Shotover comprising the next lot. When in full view again Actress and Balfol were still showing the way, with some three or four lengths' lead of Fénelon, Geheinniss being at the quarters of the last-named, with Quicklime and Sachem now in advance of Shotover, Sweetbread, Marden, and Laureate, Dutch Oven lying handy with this lot. The four leaders—viz., Actress, Balfol, Fénelon and Geheinniss—took closer order as they made the sweep past the site of the old Red House. Rather less than half a mile from home Actress and Balfol were done with, and Geheinniss, racing past Fénelon, took up the running, also being at the distance ahead of Sweetbread, Fénelon, Laureate, and Shotover. Here Dutch Oven joined them, Geheinniss going on with a clear lead to the Stand, where all her followers were dead beaten except Shotover and Dutch Oven, the latter of whom, passing the Duke of Westminster's filly, got on terms with Geheinniss about 100 yards from home, had her soon in trouble, and going on, was easily by a length and a half; four lengths off Shotover was third, just clear of Sweetbread, fourth, Sachem fifth, Quicklime sixth, Marden seventh, Battelfield eighth, Laureate next, with Actress last. Time, by Benson's chronograph, 3 min. 16 sec.; last year's time was 3 min. 20 3/5 sec. Value of the stakes, 4,550/.

ATTACKED BY MOSQUITOES.

The average Jersey mosquito is acknowledged by all with whom he has come in contact to be an exceedingly bloodthirsty wretch; but of all the stories related concerning his vicious ways in all probability none can equal the tale told by Captain J. W. Anderson of the British bark *Emmanuel Swendenburg*. When questioned the Captain said:—"It was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when fifteen miles off Cape May, that we saw toward the north a great cloud of insects bearing directly down on us. Three minutes after we sighted the moving mass our ship was encircled by hordes of mosquitoes. They must have been weary by their long flight from land, for they immediately took up positions on the deck, on the sails and among the rigging. At this juncture we picked up a pilot, whom we eagerly besought to explain where the visitors came from, but he was too dumb-founded to make any reply. After they began their feast on the exposed parts of us helpless souls it was terrible. Some of the men cried out in agony at the way they were bitten. Go where they would it was all the same. Down in the cabin many fled for relief, but it was of no avail, for it seemed as though there were as many below decks as there were above. I noticed that all that attacked me were thin and mean-looking. Some had bills a half an inch in length, which they inserted in one's face and arms with marked viciousness. It took but a second for two for them to eat enough to fatten them beyond all belief. It took all our time to kill the critters as they alighted on us. At the end of the first hour they began piercing our clothes. When I found that the devilish fellows were crawling upon my legs I hastily went to the cabin and put on a pair of big boots and climbed into a heavy winter overcoat. When I sallied out on the deck again I thought I was proof against the bites of the mosquitoes. Not so, however. They managed to bother me almost as much as before. By this time many of the crew had swathed their faces and necks with shirts, leaving only spaces enough to see. It was a desperate and almost desperate, and I climbed up to the main-top, thinking to escape the ferocious animals. You may know how glad I was when I found that they had not got up so far. The first mate called to me to know how it was up there. I told him to come up and to bring as many of the men aloft as could be spared. This he did, and there we stayed all night. When supper time came our Chinese cook went below and filled a basket of cold victuals, which we hoisted up to our perches in the shrouds. The men took hour-times in going down on deck and managing the vessel. We slept aloft, as we feared to venture on the deck. About 4 o'clock a stiff breeze sprang up, and the mosquitoes began leaving us. Many of them stayed on the boat, however, until we reached Delaware. At the breaker I attempted to send a dispatch to the consignees in Philadelphia, but my hands were bitten so badly I was unable to write, and had to get the telegraph operator to pen the message. I hope we will never be compelled to again endure such torments as we were subjected to during the time we were on deck. My only fear was that the mosquitoes might take the rig-iron aboard and bring me out short with the consignees. Luckily I was spared this affliction."—*Philadelphia Record.*

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HAVE RECEIVED EX LATEST ARRIVALS. AMERICAN CAST STEEL SHOVELS, PICKS, AXES, HATCHETS, ENGINEERS' & HOUSEHOLD HAMMERS, PATENT BIT-BRACES, AUGER-BITS, DRILLS, GIMBLETS, SQUARES, PATENT BRASS PADLOCKS & CHEST LOCKS, MRS. POTT'S PATENT SADDONS, COOKING STOVES, FAIRBANK'S SCALES, FORCE PUMPS FOR SHIPS' USE, DRILLING MACHINES, BREAST DRILLS, AUTOM. BORING TOOLS, ANVILS, VICES, AND DRILLS COMBINED, ANVILS, VICES, HITCHCOCK'S PATENT LAMPS, GLASS CUTTERS, SCROLL SAWS, FAMILY GRINDSTONES, BLACKSMITHS' BELLROWS, &c., &c., &c.

BEST WHITWORTH'S STOCK AND DIES, SCREW WRENCHES, PLANE IRONS, CHISELS, HAMMERS, PINNERS, DIVIDERS, RULES, METAL

Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Business in the Share Market is almost at a standstill; a few small sales of Luzzons at 109 being the only transactions we have to chronicle. Chinese Insurances have dropped down to 235 without inducing buyers to invest. No other stocks require special comment.

4 o'clock p.m.

Since last writing we have traced a few sales of Chinese Insurances at 232½ per share. Nothing else has come under our notice.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—144 per cent. premium, sellers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,600 per share, buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,550 per share, sellers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,255 per share, buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$90 per share, buyers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 850 per share, buyers.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$323 per share, sales and sellers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$1,065 per share, buyers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$342 per share, sales.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—50 per cent. premium, buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$31 per share premium, buyers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$50 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$107 per share, buyers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—7 per cent. dis. buyers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$195 per share, sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—3 per cent. premium.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$109 per share, sales and sellers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$157½ per share, buyers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$60 per share.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—1½ per cent. prem. ex. int.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—2½ per cent. prem.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand 3/9½
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/9½
Bank Bills, at 3 months' sight 3/9½
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/10
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/10½
ON PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand 4/73
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/81
ON HAMBURG.—Bank, T.T. 224½
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T.T. 224½
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight 72½
Private, 30 days' sight 73½

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA per picul, \$580
(Allowance, Tals 64.)
OLD MALWA per picul, \$640
(Allowance, Tals 30.)
NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest, \$572½
NEW PATNA (second) per chest, \$560½
NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest \$568½
NEW PATNA (bottom) per chest, \$575
NEW BENARES (without choice) per chest \$535
NEW BENARES (bottom) per chest, \$545
PERSIAN per picul, \$360
(Allowance, Tals 32.)

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MISS M. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER).

YESTERDAY.				
Barometer—1 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	30.02
Barometer—4 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	30.00
Thermometer—1 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	79
Thermometer—4 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	79
Thermometer—7 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	78
Thermometer—10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	74
Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wet bulb)	.....	.....	.....	71
To-day.				
Barometer—9 A.M.	.....	.....	.....	30.06
Thermometer—9 A.M.	.....	.....	.....	77
Thermometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb)	.....	.....	.....	73
Barometer—1 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	30.04
Thermometer—1 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	79
Thermometer—4 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	79
Thermometer—7 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	74
Thermometer—Minimum	.....	.....	.....	70
Thermometer—Maximum (over night)	.....	.....	.....	76